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SUBJECT: ODDS AND ENDS

1. JACKSON/MOYNIHAN DINNER (7:30, JANUARY 26) FOR SOVIET HELSINKI MONITORING GROUPS. BEN WATTENBERG CALLED TO SEE IF YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND. WE SAID IT APPEARED UNLIKELY. HE IS CONCERNED THAT NO ADMINISTRATION OR DEPARTMENT FIGURES WILL SHOW AND THAT IT WILL LOOK LIKE POINTED DISAVOWAL OF THE MONITORING GROUPS AND BACKING AWAY FROM CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN USSR. POSSIBILITY OF MISPERCEPTIONS IS HEIGHTENED BY FACT THAT HIGH-LEVEL SOVIET PARLIAMENTARIANS ARE BEING HOSTED ALL OVER TOWN THIS WEEK. I CHECKED WITH SOV AND FOUND THAT MS. DERIAN IS ATTENDING AS ARE REPRESENTATIVES FROM CU. ON THE OTHER HAND, SHULMAN AND VEST WERE NOT INVITED. AS FAR AS WHITE CONFIDENTIAL

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HOUSE IS CONCERNED, SOMEONE WILL BE THERE FROM BOB LIPSHUTZ' OFFICE, BUT AS OF THIS MORNING NO ONE FROM NSC PLANNED TO ATTEND. IS THERE ANYTHING MORE YOU WANT US TO DO? SHALL WE REGRET FOR YOU? DO YOU WANT BOB TO PHONE WATTENBERG?

2. MR. CLIFFORD. WE REVIEWED SITUATION WITH HIM IN

PREPARATION FOR HIS INTERVIEW WITH CYPRIOT JOURNALIST ON WEDNESDAY. (RAY WILL BE THERE.) HE HAS VERY REALISTIC PERCEPTION OF PRESENT REALITIES AND AMBIGUITIES. WE SUGGESTED THAT CRV GIVE HIM A SHORT CALL TO BRING HIM UP

TO DATE.

3. SECRETARY'S TESTIMONY BEFORE HIRC. HE DID AN ARTFUL LINKAGE/BUT NO LINKAGE JOB IMPLYING THAT THERE MAY BE PROGRESS ON CYPRUS IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND THAT SUCH DEVELOPMENTS WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE AN EFFECT ON DCA. TURKS WILL PROBABLY SEE IT AS A STEP BACKWARD, BUT GREEKS AND CYPRIOTS MAY FIND IT REASSURING. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE LONG DISTANCE LAMENTATIONS FROM THE AMERICAN HELLENIC AND CYPRIOT ORGANIZATIONS. THEY HAVE BEEN OBVIOUSLY ORGANIZED BUT SO FAR JUST SEEKING ASSURANCES THAT DECISION ON DCA HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE. EACH CALL IS PEGGED TO THE GETLER ARTICLE OF SUNDAY. WE HAVE CHARACTERIZED IT AS SPECULATIVE AND THEN REITERATED CRV'S CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM THAT TIME IS RIPE FOR REAL PROGRESS IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. THAT HAS BEEN ENOUGH SO FAR. YOU SHOULD ASK TO SEE NICOSIA 211 (EXDIS) WHICH WAS SENT TO GENEVA FOR CRAWFORD. IT GIVES LAST MINUTE CONCERN OF HIGH-LEVEL CYPRIOTS.

4. CARAMANLIS HAS PUBLICLY ACCEPTED ECEVIT'S CALL FOR A SUMMIT WITH PROVISO THAT ADEQUATE PREPARATIONS BE MADE
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FOR A MEETING SOMETIME IN THE SPRING. I CAN IMAGINE THEM MEETING HERE IN MAY AT NATO SUMMIT IF NOT BEFORE.

5. TURKS ANNOUNCED ADDITIONAL 500-MAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL TODAY.

6. THE SECRETARY AGREED TO SEE AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU ON FEBRUARY 1; ALSO, WE HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT CRV PHONE

WALDHEIM INSTEAD OF CLIFFORD.

7. IRA HAD INTS TELL PUNGAN THAT YOU WERE SORRY YOU MISSED HIM AND LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING HIM NEXT MONTH WHEN HE RETURNS AS AN IV VISITOR AND IN APRIL WITH CEAUSESCU. HE SAID THAT AS LONG AS YOU ARE IN GENEVA, YOU OUGHT TO STOP BY BUCHAREST ON THE WAY HOME. (NO RESPONSE IS NECESSARY.) VANCE

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